

not have abusive power over our individual lives. It's really not about health or health care. It's about power, and it's about control, government dictating how we live.

In the name of "saving the planet," government wants to tell us what kind of light bulbs we use or how much water is in our toilets or what type of energy we may or may not use. It doesn't matter if those intentions are good; government does not have that authority or right. It's abusing the power we granted to it.

Our government, in my opinion, is out of control, borrowing and spending and taxing and taxing, doing things it has no business doing for us that it has turned into doing things to us. The American people know that their freedom and liberty are being crushed. Has government broken free of its constitutional restraints?

In town hall meeting after town hall meeting across the country, Americans have made it clear: Leave us alone to live our lives. Liberty over tyranny. Stop spending money we don't have. Government is taking our money in the name of government power. The people have had enough. They do not want to be treated like subjects of government control.

And that's just the way it is.

WISHING MRS. RUTH LINCOLN A HAPPY 112TH BIRTHDAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. SNYDER) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. SNYDER. Madam Speaker, today, September 30, is the birthday of Mrs. Ruth Lincoln. I say today is her birthday because, unfortunately, she passed away 2 weeks ago, but she had been looking forward to turning 112 years old today.

This is a picture I took of her about a year ago. This is my son Penn Snyder. This is Mrs. Ruth Lincoln. She was born in 1897 as Ruth Myers. What I like about this picture is Mrs. Lincoln, born in 1897, spans the 20th century with my little boy who was born in 2006. It's a 21st century little boy connecting with the 19th century.

She was born in a log cabin in Oklahoma in 1897. She married Ben Lincoln. Her first vote, her first Presidential election vote was the election in which women in this country were allowed to vote for the first time, and despite her efforts, President Warren Harding was elected President over her vote for Mr. James Cox.

She graduated from college from Oklahoma A&M, which became Oklahoma State. I had visited several times with Mrs. Lincoln in the last several years. She loved growing old. She told me how she loved growing old, and it became very important to us to find out exactly how old she was growing; meaning, was she the oldest person in Pulaski County? Was she the oldest person in Arkansas? Would, at some

point, she become the oldest person in the United States? She loved that aspect of growing old.

She loved Bridge and was an avid player until late in her life. She had loved her family, and she had a lot of family. In fact, many of you know Senator BLANCHE LINCOLN, who is married to Mrs. Lincoln's grandson Steve.

It is difficult to say that someone who was 2 weeks short of turning 112 died unexpectedly, but a lot of us in central Arkansas looked forward to Mrs. Ruth Lincoln's birthday. She would always do something special. I remember one a couple of years ago. I think it was her 110th, when she prided herself on going out in the middle of a bridge we call, in Arkansas, the Big Dam Bridge that crossed the Arkansas River and had quite a festivity out there when she walked some on the bridge after being helped out of her wheelchair.

In the last few months, she had been dwindling. Her daughter was quoted as saying that she knew it was her time, but I know Mrs. Lincoln well enough to know she was hoping that her time would be several years from now. She was proudly hoping that perhaps she could become the oldest person in the world. Today we celebrate the memory of Mrs. Ruth Lincoln on what would have been her 112th birthday.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. JONES addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

CONGRATULATING DARREN ZHU FOR BECOMING A DAVIDSON FELLOW

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, today I had the privilege to meet Darren Zhu, an exceptional student from North Carolina's Fifth Congressional District who is a freshman at Yale University. Darren is in Washington today to receive a prestigious scholarship from the Davidson Institute for Talent and Development.

At the age of 17, he has already made impressive contributions to his community and in the fields of science and math. Darren is a resident of Winston-Salem and a 2009 graduate of the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics, where he pursued his interests and developed his skills in math and science.

After meeting him today, I understand why he was honored as a Davidson Fellow by the institute. The project that helped him win this scholarship award struck me as the sort of work you would find graduate students doing. In his research, he worked to de-

velop more efficient data storage technology by exploring nanofabrication methods for spintronics, which are a type of powerful electronics. I'm told that his work has applications in the nanotech industry, especially in the field of nanolithography.

The scholarship he won comes from the Davidson Institute. I would be remiss if I didn't highlight their program, the Davidson Fellows program that recognizes the accomplishment of gifted students like Darren.

The Davidson Institute seeks to nurture and support extremely gifted young people through its many programs and scholarships. The Davidson Fellow Scholarship that Darren received recognizes students under the age of 18 for making significant contributions to society in either science, technology, mathematics, music, literature, philosophy, or any other graduate-level work considered outside the box. Since 2001, the institute has awarded \$3.1 million in scholarships to 127 students.

The institute also runs a public school in Nevada for profoundly gifted middle and high school students. In addition, the institute provides a wealth of resources for teachers and parents of highly gifted students. This organization is to be commended for its strong commitment to helping our Nation steward one of our most precious resources, our young people.

I congratulate Darren Zhu for the amazing work that helped him win this important scholarship from the Davidson Institute. I look forward to hearing how he continues to develop his gifts as he pursues his college education.

HONORING THE LIFE, SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WILLIAM "LEE" MEREDITH OF VIRGINIA BEACH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. NYE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. NYE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life, service, and sacrifice of Private First Class William L. Meredith of Virginia Beach, Virginia, who was killed in action while serving our country in Afghanistan on September 21, 2009.

Private Meredith, or Lee as his friends called him, grew up in Virginia Beach where he attended Ocean Lakes High School. Lee was a kind and thoughtful young man who was close to his friends.

As the oldest of three brothers in a military family, he often spoke of joining the military himself. In April of 2008, Lee enlisted in the Army and was assigned to the 569th Engineer Company, 4th Engineer Battalion, stationed at Fort Carson, Colorado.

The mission of the 4th Engineers is both critically important and highly dangerous. They specialize in locating and disposing of bombs in order to keep supply routes open. With IED attacks